## WPRO-AM 630/WEAN-FM 99.7 Public Service Report Fourth Quarter 2018 (October 1 – December 31) Prepared by: Neil Larrimore

Following is a list of the treatment of the issues ascertained by WPRO-AM and WEAN-FM, as the most important to our listening community. The list of programs includes the 3 month period ending December 2018 and is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

<u>The News with Gene Valicenti:</u> A three hour news and talk program that airs Mon-Fri 6am-9am and is hosted by Gene Valicenti. News Updates twice an hour with Bill Haberman, weather updates with Elliot Abrams from Accu-Weather, and traffic updates 4 times an hour.

<u>The Tara Granahan Show:</u> A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Tara Granahan Show airs Mon- Fri 9am-12noon.

<u>The Matt Allen Show:</u> A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Matt Allen Show airs Mon-Fri 12noon-3pm.

<u>The Dan Yorke Show:</u> A three hour talk program that focuses on local and national news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national leaders about issues that affect the community. The Dan Yorke Show airs Mon-Fri 3pm-6pm.

<u>The Gresh Show:</u> A three hour sports talk program that focuses on local and national sports news stories and issues. It features interviews with local and national newsmakers about sports and issues that affect the community. The Gresh Show airs Mon-Fri 6p-9p.

<u>Amazing Women:</u> A 30-minute talk program hosted by Deb Ruggiero focusing exclusively on women's issues, interviewing notable women in the community. Amazing Women airs Sundays from 7:00a-7:30a.

<u>Cumulus Community:</u> A 30 minute interview program hosted by WPRO-AM's Maja Giguere focusing on Rhode Island issues. Bill interviews notable newsmakers in the community. Cumulus Community airs Sundays from 7:30a-8:00a

**News Coverage:** WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM airs local news beginning at 5am and continuing through 8pm Monday through Friday. Saturday- local news reports air between 6a and 12noon.

WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM provides comprehensive coverage of all local, state and national elections and primaries including discussions with candidates along with a review of platforms, polls, and community impact on each case.

The format of WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM is News/Talk. Programs on WPRO-AM/WEAN-FM involve discussions of more than one subject per day and often vary from program to program.

## On *Cumulus Community*, The following community leaders were surveyed in the 4th quarter of 2018 and asked their opinion on the most important issues facing Rhode Island.

Name	Business	Job	What is the biggest issue facing RI?
Kasim Yarn	RI Dept of Veteran Affairs	Director	<ol> <li>Affordable Housing</li> <li>Cost of Living</li> <li>Opioid Abuse</li> </ol>
Ruth Feder	Brain Injury Assoc. of RI	Executive Director	<ol> <li>Affordable Health Care</li> <li>Women's Rights</li> <li>Education</li> </ol>
Topher Hamblett	Save the Bay	Director of Advocacy	<ol> <li>Climate Change</li> <li>Govt Reform</li> <li>Poverty Issues</li> </ol>
Seth Magaziner	State of RI	General Treasurer	<ol> <li>Workforce Training</li> <li>Municipal Finances</li> </ol>
Mark Hayward	SBA	District Director	<ol> <li>Legislative Politics</li> <li>Access to Capital</li> </ol>
Dave Dooley	University of RI	President	<ol> <li>Education</li> <li>Quality of Life</li> <li>Health Care</li> </ol>
Frank Sanchez	RI College	President	<ol> <li>Education</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>State Regulations</li> </ol>
Lindsay McGovern	Southern Sky Renewable Energy	Vice President	<ol> <li>Economy</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>State Regulations</li> </ol>

Richard Susi	RI Assoc of Fire Chiefs	Executive Director	<ol> <li>Economic Development</li> <li>Election Related Issues</li> <li>Voter Education</li> </ol>
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The following community representatives appeared on Amazing Women in the 4th Quarter of 2018.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: GUEST HOST: DEBORAH PERRY interviews LUCY RIOS, of RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, program director and trainer, discusses the Community Attitudes Assessment survey on what Rhode Islanders know about domestic violence.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: GUEST HOST: EVA MANCUSO** interviews **EILEEN** HAYES of Amos House. In 1976, it started as a soup kitchen, today it has grown into a comprehensive social service agency serving over 15,000 Rhode Islanders.

Oct 21st: GUEST HOST: DEBORAH PERRY interviews LUCY RIOS, of RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, program director and trainer, discusses the Community Attitudes Assessment survey on what Rhode Islanders know about domestic violence.

Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: GUEST HOST: EVA MANCUSO interviews KAREN SANTILLI, resident/CEO of Crossroads RI helping homeless or at-risk families and individuals secure stable housing.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: GUEST HOST: MEGHAN GRADY** interviews **AMY DAVIDSON**, of YWCA RI to discuss Fantastic Girltastic Code Company and the important of computer science for girls and why more young women need to pursue 'non-traditional' careers.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>:** Former talk-show host, columnist, social worker, and leading advocate for women's reproductive rights, **MARY ANN SORRENTINO**, discusses the shifting political landscape, the US Supreme Court and the impact women will have on the midterm and 2020 elections.

**Nov 18**<sup>th</sup>: Down Syndrome affects over 400,000 people in this country. **TERESA MURRAY** living with DOWN SYNDROME while she writes her poetry, music, and her advice on life: "lean into it and if you need help, ask for it." **SHERLY GOMES**, a social worker and mentor, shares how Teresa's perseverance and friendship is an inspiration to so many.

**Nov 25**th: For almost 30 years, **VALERIE TUTSON**, has been telling stories! She is part of Rhode Island Black Storytellers. She talks about the songs and stories she learned while traveling South Africa. She's also gaining a reputation for her exciting retelling of age-old Bible stories. So sit back, listen, and get swept away on a journey of words, sounds, and passion.

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>:** About 8,000 students attend one of the 18 private, independent schools K-12 in Rhode Island. **DIANE RICH**, head of school, is the first woman to lead Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich since Dorothy Marshall founded the school in 1934. She discusses their innovative approach to educating the 300 students.

**Dec 9**th: **CAPTAIN VICTORIA TOLBERT** has served in the Massachusetts and Indiana National Guard and now is the Aide to the Commanding General in the RI Guard. She spent 18 years as a teacher and administrator including at the Gordon School in East Providence. She is inspirational

**Dec 16**th: In 1638, Roger Williams was the first minister at the First Baptist Church in Providence. In 2018, it's **REVEREND JAMIE WASHAM**. She discusses Roger Williams' ideas of liberty and freedom of conscience and the historic and religious significance of America's oldest church right here in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Dec 23**<sup>rd</sup>: It is expensive to buy clothes for kids today; it's even more difficult for families in need. **EVA MANCUSO** discusses her non-profit *Clothes to Kids Rhode Island* helping Providence County families in need clothing for their kids. Kids in grades K-12 are eligible or if the family is in crisis due to a natural disaster, homelessness, or displacement.

**Dec 30**<sup>th</sup>: Opening up your heart and your home as a foster parent can change a child's life forever. **KIM ZANDY**, a foster mom who adopted her two children, explains how becoming a foster parent has changed her life. **LISA GUILLETTE** of *Foster Forward* shares her foster care story and how you can become a foster parent.